

ONEIDA COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
June 24, 2014

Members present: Ms. Carol Pederson, Mr. Bob Metropulos, Mr. Mitchell Ives, and Mr. Bill Freudenberg

Absent: Alex Young

Staff: Ms. Mary Rideout, Ms. Beth Hoerchler, and Ms. Patricia Hendricks

Guests: None

1. Call to Order. Approval of Agenda:

The regular meeting of the Oneida County Social Services Committee was brought to order at 9:00 a.m. by Ms. Carol Pederson, Chairperson. The Chairperson noted that the meeting had been properly posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws. Motion by Mr. Bob Metropulos, seconded by Mr. Mitchell Ives to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Minutes of Social Services Committee – May 27, 2014

Motion by Mr. Mitchell Ives, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos to approve the Social Services Committee minutes of May 27, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comment:

None

4. Staff Retention Strategies

Ms. Rideout gave an update on the new 2-step interview procedure that begins on July 1, 2014. The second interview will involve the applicants asking questions of the current social workers to get a better idea of what the job entails. The committee reviewed an employment contract to address the refund of training costs of social workers that stay with Oneida County for less than 2 years, and the vacancy approval policy that may reduce the time it takes to get social work position vacancies approved. Ms. Rideout also reported that UW-Stout may be interested in an internship program with OCDSS. Ms. Mary Gadzalinski is developing a policy for review by the committee which includes the issues of confidentiality, liability, pay, credits, supervision, job duties and other costs. Motion made by Mr. Bob Metropulos, seconded by Mr. Mitchell Ives, to approve the vacancy approval policy. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Client Services Waitlist Update

Effective July 1, 2014 there will be no one on the waitlist for Supportive Home Care; the Long Term Support Committee increased the CBRF cap to 30%, which allowed all clients on the wait list to be served – no one on the waitlist for CBRF. There is a meeting planned for July with Human Service Center to review how the COP Risk Reserve funds are being used to reduce the COP - Developmental Disabilities waitlist.

6. Adult & Delinquency Services Overview

Ms. Beth Hoerchler gave an overview of the services that are available for the elderly and disabled, adult protective services and welfare concerns. About 2.3 million dollars of our budget are for these services. Delinquency services are available for children ages 10 – 17 that have been referred to OCDSS due to criminal activity.

7. 2015 Budget Priorities

Ms. Rideout presented the budget priorities for 2015 including the focus on our grants for children and families, the continuation of funding for the two additional Economic Support Specialists, and the preparation for Family Care in Oneida County. She gave an outline of the budget process for the Social Services Committee, which began in June with discussing priorities and ending in September when the budget is submitted to the Finance Director.

8. 2014 Financial/Statistical/Flex Time Report

The committee reviewed the Financial/Statistical/Flex Time Reports. It is projected that the agency will have a return of approximately \$324,000 for the year. Motion made by Mr. Bill Freudenberg, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos, to approve the 2014 Financial/Statistical/Flex Time reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Audit of Payments/Line Item Transfers

The bills were reviewed by the committee. Motion made by Mr. Bob Metropulos, seconded by Mitchell Ives, to approve the bills and line item transfers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Agency Items for the July 22, 2014 meeting:

The 2015 Budget.

11. Adjourn:

There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, it was moved by Mr. Bob Metropulos, seconded by Mr. Mitchell Ives, to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 a.m. The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the 1st Floor Conference Room. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Carol Pederson, Chairperson

Date: June 24, 2014